# INTERIM REPORT BY SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMPETITION AND PRIVATIZATION

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# Committee on Legislative Research Oversight Subcommittee

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# Subcommittee on Competition and Privatization

## Charge

The ninety-second General Assembly, first regular session, adopted Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13 that established the Subcommittee on Competition and Privatization within the Joint Committee on Legislative Research. The Subcommittee was charged with identifying ways to reduce costs to state government and increase the quality of state services that are being provided to the citizens of the state of Missouri. The Subcommittee was also charged with performing both a competition review and privatization review and to make recommendations based on its findings from the reviews.

The Subcommittee shall consist of sixteen members of which four shall be members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate of which at least two shall be members of the minority party, four shall be members of the House of Representatives of which two shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two of which shall be members of the minority party appointed by the Minority Floor Leader with approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, four shall be representatives of private businesses appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate of which at least two shall be members of the minority party, four shall be representatives of private business appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives of which at least two shall be members of the minority party, and the President Pro Tem of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall collaborate to ensure that the membership of the Subcommittee reflects adequate minority and gender representation.

The Subcommittee is authorized to call upon any department, office, division, or agency of the state to assist in gathering information pursuant to the charges of the subcommittee.

The Subcommittee will deliver its first report to the Governor, General Assembly, the State Auditor, and the Joint Committee on Legislative Research by January 15, 2004 and a second report to the same by December 31, 2004 with its findings and recommendations.

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## Scope

The first meeting of the Subcommittee on Competition and Privatization was held on October 1, 2003. The Oversight Division presented information on the definitions of competition and privatization. Information was presented about what the federal government and states had done and were doing in introducing competition and privatization of state services.

The Joint Committee on Legislative Research presented information of a review of statutory provisions with the Missouri Revised Statutes.

Objectives of the Subcommittee were considered and included:

- 1) Successfully work in a bipartisan manner in which trust and information is shared by all branches of state government.
- 2) Begin to identify opportunities for privatization statewide.
- 3) Further establish an organizational and analytical structure to implement the privatization effort.
- 4) Identify current and new legislation that could be modified or enacted to best increase efficiencies in state government.
- 5) Evaluate structural and other barriers to change and ways to overcome them.
- 6) Develop a set of processes that agencies could adopt.
- 7) Utilize outside resources by systematically studying options and strategies in the workings of the committee.

Goals for the Subcommittee were discussed and included:

- 1) By October 1, 2003 hold the first meeting of the Subcommittee.
- 2) By January 15, 2004 complete and submit the first report with any findings and recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly, State Auditor, and the Joint Committee on Legislative Research.
- 3) By December 31, 2004 hold three to four hearings around the state.

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- 4) By December 31, 2004 have the Subcommittee identify two to three areas and strategies for introducing some element of privatization or competition.
- 5) By December 31, 2004 complete and submit a final report with findings and recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly, State Auditor, and the Joint Committee on Legislative Research.

Results from a state agency privatization questionnaire were presented to the Subcommittee. In addition, preliminary results of a state agency information technology survey were presented to the Subcommittee.

Information was presented to the Subcommittee by a representative from the Reason Foundation, a national research and education association.

The second meeting of the Subcommittee was held on Monday, December 15, 2003. The Oversight Division presented updated information of the state agency privatization questionnaire. Information was also presented by the Oversight Division on the State of Virginia's Competition Council.

The Office of Administration presented information on the state's competition and privatization efforts.

Information was presented to the Subcommittee by a representative from the Cornell Group, a public research and education organization.

# **Schedule of Upcoming Events**

Future hearings of the Subcommittee were tentatively established for:

- 1) Early March, 2004 in Jefferson City, Missouri.
- 2) Early June, 2004 in Kansas City, Missouri or St. Louis, Missouri, or Springfield, Missouri.
- 3) Early September, 2004 in Kansas City, Missouri or St. Louis, Missouri, or Springfield, Missouri.
- 4) Early December, 2004 in Kansas City, Missouri or St. Louis, Missouri, or Springfield, Missouri.

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## **Appendix**

Listing of Sources of Information

General Accounting Office

Common Sense Budget Reform for Missouri

State of Texas - Council on Competitive Government

State of Virginia - Commonwealth Competition Council

State of Michigan - Public-Private Partnership Commission

Missouri State Auditor Report - Consulting and Other State Contracts

State Agency Privatization Survey

State Agency Technology Assessment

Reason Foundation - Dr. Adrian Moore

Oversight Division - State Comparison Study

Cornell Company - Tom Jenkins

Senate Research State Employee Comparative Data

(Copies of the above-listed information is available upon request. Please call (573) 751-2306.)